



ST. LOUIS GRADUATES

St. Louis Graduates Professional Development Institute

Helping Students Plan for Affordability and Financial Fit

Friday, November 4, 2016

University of Missouri – St. Louis

Millennium Student Center

Century Room A

AGENDA

8:00 Sign-In, Coffee & Conversation

8:15 - 8:30 Welcome, Introductions & Session Overview

Alan Byrd, Jr., Dean of Enrollment Services, University of Missouri-St. Louis and Co-chair, St. Louis Graduates

Collecting the wisdom in the room:

- What do you want to learn?
- What do you do well that you can share with others?

8:30 – 10:00 **College Affordability Planning**

This training will introduce you to best practices for taking inventories of students' financial situations and identifying needs custom to their special circumstances. Participants will walk away with checklists and tools to help guide these important conversations.

Brendan Williams, Director of Knowledge, uAspire

Brendan is the Director of Knowledge at uAspire. He works to develop, strengthen, and deliver uAspire's training to thousands of practitioners across the country. Having worked as a financial aid advisor for two years, and later working to develop and implement tools and resources to strengthen uAspire's site-based programming, Brendan brings the advisor knowledge and student experience to his training work. Previously, Brendan was a tutor at City on a Hill Charter for 1 year where he worked with small groups of 9th and 10th graders throughout the school day to elevate their math and English skills. Brendan received his Masters of Science in Public Affairs from UMASS Boston and received his BA in Economics and Psychology from SUNY Binghamton.

10:00- 10:15 BREAK

10:15 – 11:45 **Financial Fit**

This training will further shed light on the importance of students having “financial safety schools” on their college lists. Academic and social fit may drive a student towards their initial college list, but financial fit is often the ultimate deciding factor for our students. This training aims to ensure that practitioners are aware of all the tools at their disposal to make sure that students and families are being smart consumers and making wise financial decisions.

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11:45 – 12:20 Lunch Roundtable Discussions: Shared Resources to Support Students

12:20 - 12:30 Evaluations, Final Remarks & Closing

12:30 PM Adjourn

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